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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

Mason Road Closure Could Impact Traffic Through August 21

Roanoke River Road on George Mason University will be closed through August 21. This will impact traffic in and around the city — including Roberts Road, University Drive, Route 123/Chain Bridge Road and Braddock Road.

Road improvements include:

- doubling the length of the left turn lane for eastbound Braddock Road into Roanoke River Road onto campus;
- widening Roanoke River Road on campus; and
- synchronizing the traffic signal at Roanoke River Road and Braddock Road to improve traffic flow on Braddock Road.

For information, visit www.building.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1000.

Boards and Commissions on Hiatus in August

Most city boards and commission, including the School Board and City Council, are not scheduled to meet in August. Meetings resume in September.

Most City Council, School Board and Planning Commission meetings are televised on Cityscreen-12. Televised meetings and agendas may be viewed on the city's website; click on "Meeting Video and Documentation" on the home page.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Mayor and City Council 2012-14



Mayor and City Council, 2012-14 (from left): Eleanor D. Schmidt, Steven C. Stombres, Jeffrey C. Greenfield, Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne, David L. Meyer, Daniel F. Drummond, Michael J. DeMarco. (Photo by Robert A. McComas)

'Derecho' Takes City, Trees, by Storm

On June 29, a *derecho* whipped through the region in a fury, leaving nearly 12,000 city customers without electricity and felling huge trees and branches (like this tree on University Drive, right).

If telephones were working, calls were being dropped and signals were busy. Traffic lights went dark.

The city cleaned up promptly from this storm. Public Works and Parks and Recreation crews collected nearly 11,000 cubic yards of tree debris in its aftermath. (The city typically collects about 150 cubic yards a week.)

911 service was down, so additional

city police officers circulated throughout the city, checking on residents and city businesses. Other officers directed traffic

at city intersections that had no power while city crews set up generators at major intersections.

The city established cooling centers in city buildings for nearly a week after the storm, giving residents a place

to recharge, get cool and use WiFi.

Citizens are encouraged to use lessons learned from this storm to aid them in emergency preparation; see related stories on page 2. (Photo by Chris Cohen, Community Relations Office)



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Remain Ready for Emergencies

Weather and other situations can cause power outages, impede mobility and cause emergency conditions.

Take these three steps to preparedness: *make a kit, make a plan and stay informed.* Here are some ideas on how to prepare for emergencies. For assistance, call the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at 703-385-4856.

Diversify Information Sources in Emergencies

The recent derecho limited access to sources we've grown accustomed to using. Think now about how to diversify your information sources.

Remember: Cityscreen-12 is available on cable television *and* the Internet.

Smartphones and handheld devices may provide access to e-mail, the Internet and text messages.

Keep a battery-powered radio on hand, or listen to the car radio, for news.

Rely on friends and neighbors, who may have additional sources.

Emergency Preparation is Easy, Quick, Essential

Have plans in place for everyone in the household. Discuss the plan regularly and keep emergency kits ready. For information, call 703-385-4856.

Prepare three emergency kits: for "sheltering in place" at home, for evacuation and for the workplace. See suggestions at right, or check with emergency management or your employers for recommendations.

During an emergency, stay informed. The city has many information resources (*clip and save the list, right*). Rely on other trusted sources as well, including the National Weather Service and other reliable news sources.

Plan how to get in touch if household members become separated. Establish points of contact inside and outside the immediate area. Use all tools available, including e-mail, texts and social media.

Have a speaker to attend a community or club meeting; call 703-385-4856.

Evaluate Trees for Weakness, Damage

Property owners are responsible for the care of trees on their properties and

Emergency Preparedness Kit Check List

- ☞ water (one gallon per person and pet per day)
- ☞ non-perishable food for 3-5 days, manual can opener, disposable plates and utensils
- ☞ non-electric items (radio, flashlight, etc.)
- ☞ first aid supplies
- ☞ trash bags
- ☞ disinfectant/bleach
- ☞ duct tape
- ☞ cash/traveler's checks
- ☞ clothing (one or two complete clothing changes)
- ☞ bedding
- ☞ tools (including extra batteries, matches)
- ☞ toiletry items, including prescription drugs
- ☞ special needs items for elderly, ill, children
- ☞ Pet supplies (food and water for three days, medicine if needed, first aid kit, litter box or sealable plastic bag and sanitizing supplies for waste; familiar items and toys, carrier or crate, spare leash/collar/ID tags)
- ☞ important documents
- ☞ entertainment (books, games)

Keep ready in case utilities are down or evacuation is needed.

should have tree experts assess their trees' health and stability.

Find a tree trimmer/service provider before one is needed. Neighbors or homeowner associations may be able to offer suggestions.

Property owners must obtain permits from the Zoning Office to remove trees with trunk diameters of five inches or more on a lot larger than a half-acre. For information, call 703-385-7820.

The city evaluates trees on public land such as medians and parks. To report problems, call 703-385-7995.

Utility companies regularly assess branches around their lines; however, the public may report problems to Dominion Virginia Power: 888-366-4357.

When the Power Goes Out....

Keep abreast of power outages through Dominion Virginia Power (www.dom.com; 888-366-4357).

Keep non-electric tools handy (as well as batteries) in case of power failure, including flashlights, manual can openers and battery-powered radios.

Those in buildings with elevators and electric doors should know the building management emergency phone numbers and be familiar with emergency exit routes.

When using generators, keep them outside the buildings for safety purposes.

Be mindful of the noise generators cause and consider turning them off at night, if possible. (Cold/frozen items will remain safe for hours in a closed refrigerator.)

Those under doctors' care should check with their physicians for medical procedures and services that might be affected by a power outage.

Consider Listing Reliable Service Providers Before An Event

If the air conditioner or heater stopped working, or a limb crashed into the house, do you know who you would call for assistance and repairs? If you can't shovel snow from your sidewalk, do you know who will do it for you?

Consider preparing a list of service providers recommended by family, friends or neighbors. Keep it on hand in case you find yourself in need of an tree trimmer, plumber, HVAC specialist or snow shoveler.

In Case of Emergency...

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television

and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers

via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

Facebook

www.Facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVA

24-hour access, updates

Twitter

www.Twitter.com/CityofFairfaxVA

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 711)

regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 711)

regular business hours

Save Time, Resources — Use City's Online Services

Lazy days of summer do not preclude day-to-day responsibilities. The City of Fairfax website may save time and allow you to get back to vacation, summer camp, special events and other activities that fill your longer days of summer.

The Parks and Recreation Department has many offerings, such as specialty sports camps, park gazebos and classes. Additionally, the department oversees use of the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, Old Town Hall and Green Acres Center for community and public use; call 703-385-7858.

New residents who must register

their vehicles with the Virginia DMV and the city have options. The Commissioner of the Revenue has forms online for registering vehicles; visit the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7880.

Home improvement and repair projects may require inspections and permits by the city. Many permits are available on the city's website, as are inspection requests. For information, call 703-385-7830.

Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, is available on cable television and online. For information, see page 5 or call 703-385-7803.

Sustainability, Green Living are Focus of MSI Workshop August 29, Webinar

Learn about beekeeping, green buildings, canning and other topics of a sustainable nature, thanks to the George Mason University Sustainability Institute (MSI).

Located on the Fairfax campus, MSI provides sustainability-oriented education and skills development for Mason and its surrounding communities. Workshops usually are held at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Events are free, though there may be a small fee for materials or supplies provided by MSI.

The beekeeping workshop will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. August 29 at Green Acres Center. This class will highlight the new beehives on Mason's Fairfax campus.

MSI will hold its first webinar on

natural building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. October 23. (Remember, computers may be used for free at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.)

The workshop and webinar are free, but registration is required; to sign up, visit msi.gmu.edu/registration or call 703-993-5301.

The institute brings together local businesses, students, community members, governments, non-profit organizations, and Mason faculty, staff, and students and empowers them to become sustainability stewards for their homes, communities, and the Northern Virginia region. The city is a founding supporter of MSI.

For information, call 703-993-5301.

Avoid Identity Theft by Following Important Rules

Identity theft attempts are proliferating nationwide. Ruses come by phone, mail, text, e-mail — and they may seem convincing. Here is information to help you avoid them.

Current scams include government payment of utility bills, voter re-registration, a check from a mystery contest, "grandchildren" or their lawyers requesting bail. They seem real, and the people contacting you can be very convincing — even posing as a relative or government official. Be skeptical: if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Public safety officials and the National Consumer Protection Commission have recommendations on how to deal with this threat.

- Never provide your Social Security number, driver's license number, credit card numbers or bank account information to strangers.
- Ask for phone numbers, physical and mailing addresses, and business license numbers — then, if you are truly interested, do your homework to confirm the legitimacy of the offer.
- Never pay for tele-services with money orders, cash, debit cards, bank account numbers or wired cash.
- Use a credit card when purchasing via phone, mail or Internet, so you can dispute questionable transactions.

Report any other attempted scams to the City of Fairfax Police Department by calling 703-385-7924.



Weeding Sidewalks Protects Public Walkways

Property owners and residents are asked to remove weeds from the sidewalks that border their homes and businesses. Please remove vegetation growing between the sidewalk sections, and make sure weeds don't sprout in any cracks or fissures in the cement or asphalt.

It's more than just aesthetics: weeds can damage cement, asphalt and brick sidewalks. Weed abatement can help provide a longer lifespan for sidewalks, which saves money.

It May Not Be A "Miss"

The Public Works Department sends crews on specialized trucks to collect items from the curb on refuse and recycling collection days. Please have items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

Each truck collects a particular type of material at varying times during the day. Also, trucks may need to make multiple trips to the transfer station along a route.

However, if material remains at the curb after 2:30 p.m. on collection day, call 703-385-7837.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Visit the city's website or call 703-293-7141 for a copy of these flyers:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City* lists what items may be disposed of where and how
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever* lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

**Distracted driving is no joke:
one-fifth of injury crashes
reported in 2009 involved
distracted driving (texting,
phone calls, Internet use).**

**Hang it up —
don't text and drive.**

Tax Holiday Set for August 3-5

The Commonwealth of Virginia has established a tax holiday August 3-5 to help with back-to-school purchases, including these items:

- qualifying school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item (including calculators, book bags, binders, etc.)
- qualifying clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item.

For information, visit www.tax.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8031.

Participate in Tri-Fire Kids Race August 19

The City of Fairfax Fire Department "Tri-Fire Team" invites children ages 5-12 to participate in the annual Tri-Fire Kids Race.

The Tri-Fire Kids Race begins at 9 a.m. August 19 at Mosby Woods Pool for a triathlon (swim/bike/run). Athletes are divided by age. The \$30 entry fee includes a race gift, medals and goody bag (and covers the cost of the lifeguards).

Registration continues through August 17. For information, visit www.teamtrifire.org or call 703-273-6269.

Water Treatment Plant Earns Virginia Health Department Award

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Drinking Water Recognition Program has awarded the city's water treatment plant a silver award for excellence in water treatment and clarification.

Goose Creek Silver Award recognizes the city plant has met or exceeded goals for water filtration and clarification — in fact, has consistently achieved water clarity better than what is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

VDH awards three levels: gold, silver and bronze. Only about a third of eligible plants received silver or gold awards this year.

VDH drinking water recognition program recognizes water treatment services that have demonstrated excellence in performance and operations involving water clarification, filtration and filter cleaning technique.

The city owns and operates its own water supply system, a 200-million-gallon raw water impoundment and water treatment plant and a 1.3 billion gallon side storage reservoir in Loudoun County. For information, call 703-385-7920.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

**FIND OUT FIRST! FIND OUT FAST!
SIGN UP FOR EMAS, THE CITY'S
ELECTRONIC MESSAGE ALERT SYSTEM.
INFORMATION: EMAS.FAIRFAXVA.GOV**

Rental Rules Protect Everyone

Renters and landlords should be aware of local ordinances and their respective responsibilities concerning rental property.

All property owners renting out part or all of their homes must obtain a business license from the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. For information, call 703-385-7880.

Code Administration publishes a manual that explains rental unit requirements and responsibilities of property owners. For a copy, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7830.

For assistance on tenant-landlord disputes, call the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs at 800-552-9963.

No more than four unrelated people may live in a home in the city. However, some homeowner association bylaws may be stricter. According to City Code, the size of the home, including the number

of bedrooms, determines the total number of residents permitted to live there.

All bedrooms, whether originally designed as such or converted from basements or dens, must meet fire codes. Every bedroom must have two exits, such as a door and a window, and the exits must be easily accessible. If the window is the secondary emergency exit, it must measure at least 5.7 square feet and the sill must be within 44 inches of the floor. A bedroom cannot have a door that exits into a garage. For information, call 703-385-7830.

When moving into, out of or within the city, be sure to update all pertinent information with the DMV and Commissioner of the Revenue (vehicle registration: 703-385-7880), the Treasurer's Office (vehicle decals: 703-385-7900) and the General Registrar's Office (voter registration: 703-385-7890).

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
 - **Economic Development Authority** (three vacancies for city residents) — Fosters and promotes economic development and redevelopment in the City of Fairfax in harmony with the proper balance of commercial and residential enterprise and in alignment with the future needs of the community.
- Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**

Immunization, Records Needed for New Students Attending Fairfax Schools

In Virginia, children age 5 or older on or before September 30 may be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year. Parents who do not want their children to attend kindergarten must notify the school in writing. Children age 6 on or before September 30 must attend school.

The city contracts with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for education services. To find out which school a child should attend, call 571-423-2330 or visit www.fcps.edu/boundary.

Qualifying parents may elect to provide home instruction for their school-age children; call 571-423-4460.

To enroll a new student, provide required documents, including the child's birth certificate, a certificate of physical examination, Social Security number, evidence of immunization and proof of residency. Transfer students also need school records or transcripts from the school they previously attended. For information, call 703-204-6726.

Free immunization is offered at the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway; 703-246-7100.

For news and more information on school enrollment, visit www.cityoffairfaxschools.org or call 703-385-7911.

City Upholds Noise Laws

A certain amount of ambient noise can be expected in any neighborhood. However, there are some noise situations from which citizens may seek relief.

City Code Section 38-11 states that devices must be kept at a lower volume between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. every day. However, a violation may occur any time there is continued, loud, unnecessary or unusual disturbing noise that can be heard outside the facility or 50 feet or more from the source.

Construction may take place only from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and recognized holidays. Work that generates noise is prohibited at all other times unless related to a legitimate emergency or unless a permit is issued to allow for night work. Interior construction that does not

create noise audible at the property line is permitted at any time.

Citizens may call the city police department at 703-385-7924 to report noise violations. Neighbors who can safely settle noise problems among themselves, however, are encouraged to do so.

Anyone who suspects a noise that indicates domestic violence or animal abuse should call the police immediately.

When calling the police department, give as much information as possible, including the location and type of noise.

Complaints may be registered anonymously and calls can be kept confidential, but callers should leave their names in case police need to contact them or if the caller wants to check the complaint status.

For information, call 703-385-7924.

Share your Talents With the City: Volunteer for a Board or Commission

City residents and business people who want to volunteer on behalf of their communities may consider joining one of the city's boards and commissions.

From arts to aging, from community appearance to parks and recreation, from history to elections, there's bound to be a board or commission of interest. A list of city and regional boards and commissions is available on the city's website or from the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.

Current vacancies are announced in *The Cityscene* (on page 4), on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website.

Additionally, board vacancy news and notices are sent out via eMAS via the category: *Boards and Commissions Vacan-*

cies and News. Update your subscription to — or sign up for — eMAS to start receiving messages regarding board and commission vacancies and news via e-mail or cellphone text. For information, visit emas.fairfaxva.gov.

Interested citizens may apply to join a commission or board when a vacancy arises. For the majority of city boards and commissions, City Council interviews applicants and appoints individuals. (There are exceptions.)

Applicants must be registered voters. If residency is required, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year.

For information, e-mail CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7935.



The Fairfax Scene

The Fairfax Scene will feature highlights from Civil War Day and will include lectures by noted Civil War historians.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Children's Concert

Enjoy highlights from *The Children's Concert*, featuring the City of Fairfax Band and entertainer John Lyon.

The Children's Concert will replay daily at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in August.



Find Special Programs on YouTube

From the 2012 Independence Day Parade — or even 2010 — to this year's swearing-in of the Mayor, City Council and School Board, special programs are available to watch at your convenience.

These and many other special programs are available on Cityscreen-12's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/CityofFairfaxVA.

Where's Cityscreen-12?

Verizon customers, as well as Cox Communication customers with a cable converter box, can catch Cityscreen-12 live on channel 12.

However, Cox viewers without a cable converter box must tune to channel 27.3 or 27.12.

Information Accepted for the Bulletin Board

Information about city community and non-profit groups is accepted for inclusion on the Cityscreen-12 bulletin board and may be posted as space permits.

Submit materials to the Community Relations Office in City Hall via mail, fax (703-385-7811) or e-mail (rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov).

INFORMATION: 703-385-7803



CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

May 22

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: consideration of a special event application request by Truro Preschool & Kindergarten for a 5K and 1-mile race through Fairfax Heights and Moore & Oliver residential neighborhoods; consideration to extend the contract with Virginia Paving for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 for milling and paving of city streets for fiscal year 2012-13; consideration to extend the contract with Anchor Construction for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for brick sidewalk and crosswalk repairs for fiscal year 2012-13; consideration to extend the contract with Arthur Construction for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs for fiscal year 2012-13; consideration of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief in the City of Fairfax for the 2012 tax year; introduction of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a lease on behalf of the city with Main Street Child Development Center, Inc., for approximately 8,000 square feet of space in the former Green Acres Elementary School, 4401 Sideburn Road; introduction of an appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2011-12 non-discretionary expenditures; introduction of an appropriation resolution for fiscal year 2011-12 federal and state grant expenditures; introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of approximately 2.33 acres of certain real property at 3800 Pickett Road; introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to state motor vehicle laws.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, appropriation resolutions for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Water, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, Old Town, and Commercial Real Estate Transportation tax funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance awarding a ground lease for the city's Eleven Oaks Property.
- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt the attached resolution to approve the request for special exception pursuant to City Code to permit one building-mounted sign on a wall that has no public entrance, located at 11044 Lee Highway, subject to conditions.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution approving the plan of lease financing authorizing the refinancing of the city's Eleven Oaks property.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Approved, unanimously, these reappointments: John Laughton to the Board or Architectural Review; Jill Toth and Huilan

Larson to the Commission for Women; Zinta Rodgers to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Lauri Isbrandtsen to the Personnel Advisory Board.

Comments by City Council

- Requested staff review the parking at Green Acres to insure those visiting the building and the senior center have first access to the parking in front of the building, and employees of the child care center park in the lower lot.
- Requested a report on the grass ordinance and a comparison on how other jurisdictions have addressed this issue.
- Directed staff to begin discussion with Fairfax Water to provide water on an emergency basis because the City of Fairfax has chosen to keep the water treatment plant and remain in the water business.

June 12

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: introduction of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a First Amendment to Ground Lease by and between the city and the Fairfax Police Youth Club, Inc., for a portion of Providence Park, 10615 Canfield Street; introduction of an ordinance extending for 90 days the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company by ordinance on July 20, 1982; introduction of an ordinance extending for 90 days the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC by ordinance on July 20, 1982; consideration of an extension of a parking lot lease agreement between the city and The Business Investment Group, LLC, for the lease of approximately 46 parking spaces located at the intersection of Sager Avenue and University Drive; consideration and approval of the covenants of the various owners associations to be created as part of the Canfield Village subdivision on 4288 and 4294 Chain Bridge Road and 10606 and 10608 Canfield Street; consideration of a resolution requiring City of Fairfax employees, who are Virginia Retirement System members, to contribute 5 percent of their creditable compensation to the Virginia Retirement System, as required by action of the 2012 Virginia General Assembly; consideration of a resolution to elect and certify the city's Virginia Retirement System employer retirement contribution rate for the 2012-2014 biennium; consideration of a resolution to accept the competitive emergency management performance grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the request to renew a special use permit for a residential child care facility with a maximum of 12

children on 4236 Mason Oaks Court, subject to conditions.

- Approved, unanimously, the special use permit request of the School Board pursuant to City Code to allow expansion of a governmental use (modular temporary classrooms) located at Fairfax High School on 3501 Rebel Run, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution to approve the request of the City of Fairfax School Board for a Special Exception pursuant to City Code to reduce the amount of required parking at Fairfax High School on 3501 Rebel Run, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special exception for relief from the development standards set forth in the City Zoning Ordinance, on Fairfax Pointe, 10955 Fairfax Boulevard, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$585,700 for fiscal year 2011-12 non-discretionary expenditures.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$255,069 for fiscal year 2011-2012 federal and state grant expenditures.
- Approved, 5-1, an ordinance amending and reenacting City Code to incorporate by reference into the City Code certain state code provisions relating to the state motor vehicle laws, driving motor vehicles while intoxicated, and disposition of such cases for juveniles. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, Meyer and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Stombres.*)
- Approved, unanimously, to enact an ordinance authorizing the initiation of condemnation proceedings, including possession prior to the institution of the condemnation proceedings ("Quick-Take" procedures), for the acquisition of an approximately 2.33 acre portion of certain real property at 3800 Pickett Road.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a deed of lease beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015 by and between the city and Main Street Child Development Center, Inc., for approximately 7,364 square feet of space in the former Green Acres Elementary School, 4401 Sideburn Road.

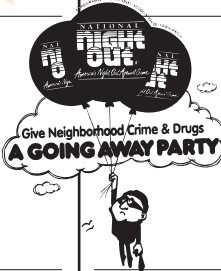


Actions out of the closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commission

- Approved, unanimously, the reappointment of Evangelia Ifantides and Esther Nasjleti to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms extending through September 1, 2015.

Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.	1 InterService Club Council Volunteer of the Year ceremony, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center	2 Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	3 <i>Tax holiday for school supplies and clothing — see page 4</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	4 <i>Tax holiday for school supplies and clothing — see page 4</i> Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
5 <i>Tax holiday for school supplies and clothing — see page 4</i> Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets	6 Find out first! Find out fast! Sign up for eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system. For information, Visit the city's website.	7 National Night Out — to participate, call 703-385-7966 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library		9 Get help with the garden — at the library! Visit the Neighborhood Plant Clinic from 10 am to noon Saturdays in August at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10369 North Street.	10 Sherwood Cinema Series: Hugo, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	11 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
12 Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: Dressed to Work, Mourn and Impress, 2 pm, Old Town Hall (please note location)	13 Evening Book Discussion, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	14 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	15 Donate reusable household items (clothing, small appliances and more) in the donation bins at the Property Yard Recycling Center, 3410 Pickett Road. Information: 703-385-7995.	16 Afternoon Reading Group, 1 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	17 <i>Last day to register for the Tri-Fire Kid's Race — see page 4</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	18 Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours Old Town Fairfax Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Civil War Interpretive Center Series: Tales of a Civil War Farrier, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center
19 Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Tri-Fit Kids Race, 9 am, Mosby Woods Pool — see page 4	20 Safe driving tip: designate a passenger to answer phone calls and text messages, or turn off the phone while driving. Don't text and drive!	21 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	22 Fall semester begins at Northern Virginia Community College	23 Receive personalized tutoring for using the Internet or Microsoft Office programs at the City of Fairfax Regional Library; reserve a spot now at 703-293-6227.	24 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	25 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours Secure document shredding, 8 am to noon, Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean
26 Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road	27  Fall semester begins at George Mason University Legacy for Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament, Army Navy Country Club — see page 8	28  English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	29 MSI Beekeeping Workshop, 7 pm, Green Acres Center (registration required) — see page 3	30 Remember: the city's limited services DMV office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays (excluding holidays). Information: 703-385-7880	31 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	Get help with the garden — at the library! Visit the Neighborhood Plant Clinic from 10 am to noon Saturdays in August at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10369 North Street.

City government offices and facilities will be closed September 3 in observance of Labor Day. General District Court will be closed. CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule. Trash and recycling will not be collected; put items at the curb for collection on Tuesday, September 4. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov; 703-273-1776.



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Check out *Leisure Times* for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!

Legacy of Fairfax Golf Tournament to be Held August 27

Golfers can enjoy their sport and support the city at the 2012 Legacy of Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament August 27 at the Army Navy Country Club.

Legacy for Fairfax is a non-profit organization that accepts contributions in the form of tax-deductible gifts and naming opportunities for the city's community center and parks, trails and facility equipment. For information, visit www.legacyforfairfax.org or call 703-385-7858.

Get Ready for Fall for the Book: Read!

Readers can prepare for Fall for the Book (scheduled for September 26-30) by reading two "community read" books.

Fairfax County Public Library selected *The Submission* for All Fairfax Reads. George Mason University chose *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker for Mason Reads.

Both authors are scheduled to attend the festival, and both books may be

borrowed at the City of Fairfax Regional Library (and all Fairfax County Public Libraries).

For information on Fall for the Book, including a list of programs and participants, visit www.fallforthebook.org or call 703-993-3986.

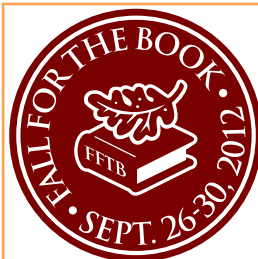
Whole Health Fest Set for September 23

Get Fit City of Fairfax presents Whole

Health Fest 2012 from 1-4 pm September 23 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

This free event, sponsored by Get Fit City of Fairfax, will focus on wellness, nutrition, fitness and lifestyle choices for people of all ages. There will be cooking demonstrations, exhibits, vendors and speakers.

For information, visit www.wholehealthfest.com or call 703-385-7858.



September 26-30

For readers and writers of all ages!

World-renowned authors!

Discussions!
Readings!
Book sales!

Locations: In and around Fairfax • George Mason University • Metro DC area

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For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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